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FOLLOWING REPEAT COLOMBO 1510 ACTION SECSTATE DATED APR 29:

QTE:C O N F I D E N T I A L COLOMBO 1510

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRD, CIEC, EGEN, CE

SUBJ: SRI LANKA REACTION TO US VIEWS ON CIEC AND COMMON FUND
ISSUE

REF: (A) STATE 090658; (B) STATE 090659; (C) STATE 091858

1. AS DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEFENCE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
LAKSHMAN JAYAKODY, WAS NOT AVAILABLE, AND BECAUSE SECRETARY
W. T. JAYASINGHE WAS OUT OF THE COUNTRY, AMBASSADOR AND EMBOFF
MADE PRESENTATION OF US VIEWS ON CIEC TO DIRECTOR GENERAL OF
FOREIGN RELATIONS, ARTHUR BASNAYAKE, ON APRIL 29.

2. DRAWING ON REFTELS A AND B, AN INFORMAL PAPER WAS PREPARED
AND GIVEN TO BASNAYAKE. AMBASSADOR REVIEWED TALKING POINTS
AND ASKED GSL TO USE ITS INFLUENCE WITH G-19 IN SUPPORT US
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POSITION AND TO PROMOTE COOPERATIVE ATTITUDE DURING MAY CIEC
TALKS.

3. BASNAYAKE RESPONDED BY SAYING THAT SRI LANKA SEES NEXT
CIEC MEETING AS CRUCIAL TO SUCCESSOF NORTH/SOUTH DIALOGUE.
BASNAYAKE SAID TIME WAS RUNNING OUT AND IF MAY TALKS DO NOT
RESULT IN SOME DEFINITE PROGRESS ON ISSUES IMPORTANT TO DEVELOP-

ING WORLD, NORTH/SOUTH RELATIONS COULD DEGENERATE INTO BITTERNESS AND CONFRONTATION.

4. BASNAYAKE REFERRED TO SRI LANKA'S RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DISAPPOINTMENT OVER LACK OF RESULTS AT MARCH COMMON FUND CONFERENCE WHICH WAS ADOPTED AT NON-ALIGNED MEETING IN NEW DELHI. IN THIS REGARD, HE POINTED OUT THAT BECAUSE OF CURRENT HIGH PRICES FOR TEA, RUBBER, AND COCONUT, AND GOOD PROSPECTS FOR RUBBER AGREEMENT, THERE WAS LESS URGENCY TO ESTABLISH COMMON FUND IN TERMS OF SRI LANKA'S SELF-INTEREST. AS CHAIRMAN OF NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT (NAM), HOWEVER, SRI LANKA HAD OBLIGATION TO PRESS ISSUES OF INTEREST TO ALL NAM MEMBERS, AND SRI LANKA COULD NOT ADOPT ANY POSITION CONTRARY TO NAM CONSENSUS. EMBOFF EXPLAINED US POSITION ON COMMON FUND (REFTEL C) AND BASNAYAKE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT OUTSTANDING DIFFERENCES COULD BE RESOLVED AT NEXT ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS.
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